

CELEBRATING their first Father's Day in the traditional manner of passing cigars, these soldiers of Company 14, 300th Infantry, herald the annual event to be observed next Sunday. Private Leonard E. Thomas (left) of Little Rock, Ark., the father of a seven-month-old son, James Earl; Cpl. Robert M. Connelley (center) of Muskogee, Okla., is the father of Robert, Jr., age seven months; and Cpl. Raymond Martinson (right) of Eau Claire, Wis., is the father of young Dennis, age eight months. (Signal Lab Photo)

Instruction In Emergency Life Saving Planned

Two-Week Course For 100 Selected Men Starts Monday

Swimming instruction aimed at the prevention of casualties among American soldiers whose lives might be imperiled by ship sinkings or other emergencies will be given 100 selected Fort Benning soldiers at Russ Pool starting next Monday, June 20, under the auspices of the American Red Cross.

The big class will take instructions from a Red Cross life saving expert, being sent here from Washington, every morning for two weeks. At the end of that time, it is expected that the selected men will then be qualified to pass on the instruction to men of their own units.

The Red Cross expert will come to the fort with enough equipment for the full complement of the class, according to Lt. Col. Clarence A. Will, director of plans and training, who is working on the project in cooperation with Lt. Col. Charles C. Finnegan, special service officer and head of the Fort Benning Athletic Association which operates Russ Pool.

The two-week course will give the real low-down in realistic fashion on emergency swimming. Demonstrations in Russ Pool are expected to include everything from swimming in burning oil to the use of ingenious devices for converting clothing, barracks bags and other G. I. equipment into life-saving rafts.

Most impressive of the methods taught will be that of moving a wounded man across water with a standard medical corps litter. Four men will be shown how to remove their trousers, tie up the legs and inflate them. These are then used as a sort of life raft, thus making a sort of life raft. The "wounded" man can then glide across the water, propelled by his swimming comrades.

SWIM IN HOT OIL.
The Benning men will be taught how to swim in water blazing with ignited oil by splashing the water ahead of them to quell the flames. They will also learn to swim in a pool of burning oil.

Academic Regiment Plans 'Milky Way' Production
Former Broadway Producer Will Direct Stage And Screen Hit

"The Milky Way," a three act dramatization of the comedy act by Lynn Root and Harry Chase, has been put into production by members of the Academic Regiment and will be presented early in July at the Main Theater and other spots on the post.

56-Year-Old Enlistee Wants Crack at Hitler As Father's Day Gift

Tent Stake Takes Toll Of Gator Top Sergeants

Tough luck... that's what Company K, 124th Infantry, had this past week. While on the range, after falling out the company, First Sergeant, St. Clair Little, tripped over a tent stake and painfully dislocated his right elbow. Medics patched him up and he is reclining in the hospital for a two-week's rest.

The following day, fate seemed to have it in for Co. K, as the acting top kick, Staff Sergeant S. B. Carter, fell over the same stake that waylaid Sgt. Little. The Medics hemstitched him and he was able to resume firing.

Major Tuttle Appointed S-2 Of AST Center

Major Russell E. Tuttle has been assigned as intelligence officer for the ASTP Basic Training Center of the Infantry School, Colonel S. R. Tupper, commanding officer, announced today.

Major Tuttle is a reserve graduate of the University of Idaho and prior to his call to active duty in June 1941 was connected with the Drumheller Analytical Laboratories of Spokane, Wash.

MAJOR PRASNIAK
Capt. Joseph L. Prasnjak of the Second Training Regiment, Fort Benning, Georgia, has been promoted to the rank of major while he is attending an advanced course in the 3rd Company of the First Student Training Regiment.

COPE IN CAST
Corp. William F. Cope, well-known Benning radio announcer, plays the part of Speed McFarland, the mischievous character who falls unconscious every time he comes in contact with the milkman, Sgt. Joseph Tedesco as Spider, the punch-drunk fighter, and Luban himself as Gabby Sloan, a loquacious manager who ends up in a psychiatric ward.

Directed by Sgt. Milton Luban, former Broadway and Hollywood director, the cast is composed entirely of men of the Academic Regiment and their wives. The two female parts will be played by Elaine Luban and Helen Miller, wife of Pvt. Walter Miller who portrays the part of Willard, a reporter.

EX-BROADWAY DIRECTOR
Sgt. Luban directed "The Milky Way" for the New York Federal Theater in 1936, and at that time Helen Miller was also a member of the cast. Most of the actors from the Academic Regiment have had previous stage experience and a finished production is expected.

TIS OFFICERS GIVEN NEW ASTP TASKS

Colonels Sharp, Roosma Whittemore Assigned To New Regiments

Changes in the commands of three of the regiments under him were announced today by Col. Sever R. Tupper, Commanding Officer of the Student Training Brigade and the A. S. T. P. Basic Training Center of the Infantry School.

The changes are: Col. Robert Sharp, commander of the First Student Training Regiment, becomes commander of the Sixth Regiment, A. S. T. P. Basic Training Center.

Col. Kenneth S. Whittemore of the Academic Department becomes commander of the Fifth Regiment, A. S. T. P. Basic Training Center.

Lt. Col. John S. Roosma, commander of the Fifth Regiment, A. S. T. P. Basic Training Center, becomes commander of the First Student Training Regiment.

Lt. Col. William B. Forse, who commanded the Sixth Regiment, A. S. T. P. Basic Training Center, returns to the Academic Department.

The Fifth and Sixth regiments, commanded by Col. Whittemore and Col. Sharp, respectively, are units of the Basic Training Center for 18-year-old selectees. The personnel of these regiments has not as yet begun to arrive. The several hundred trainees now in the Center, have been assigned and are in training in the Fourth Regiment.

SHARP ON GRAD
Col. Sharp, a graduate of the Officer Candidate School at the Presidio in Monterey, California, in 1917, took over the Command of the First Student Training Regiment in August, 1942 after serving with Headquarters of the 7th Corps Area. He had previous service at Fort Benning with the 29th Infantry. He was born in Lehigh, Pa.

Col. Whittemore was born in Stevens Point, Wisconsin and entered the Army in 1917 from the University of Illinois. His service record includes duty with the 49th division in the World War, 32nd division, 83rd division, 16th Infantry, R. O. T. C. at the University of Delaware, 8th Infantry, 33rd Infantry in Panama, 16th Infantry, 27th Infantry in Hawaii, Overseer of CCC camps in Oklahoma, 80th Division and with the Officer Candidate Faculty of the Infantry School.

Col. Roosma attended grammar and high school in Passaic, N. J., where he was captain of the school basketball team. He entered West Point in 1922 and was graduated with the class of 1926, when he was awarded the Athletic Saber for being the outstanding athlete of the graduating class, having

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Lt. Gail Gaines Takes Command

Succeeds Capt. Rothrock As 43rd Waac Leader

Second Officer Gail A. Gaines, executive officer of the 43rd Post Headquarters Company of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, assumed command of the unit Tuesday.

Lieutenant Gaines, who entered service with the Waacs in July, 1942, came to Fort Benning with the unit when it was the first Waac company to arrive at the post in March. She succeeds First Officer Evelyn Rothrock, former company commander, who had been transferred to Washington, D. C.

Lieutenant Gaines graduated from the Waac Officer Candidate School at Des Moines, Ia., last October. She was then transferred to Daytona Beach, Fla., where she was assigned to duty with the 43rd company when it was activated.

A graduate of Washburn College in Topeka, Kas., Lieut. Gaines formerly was employed as a bookkeeper and statistical clerk in civilian life.

Winners

Winners of \$2 prizes in the Bayonet's weekly original contribution contest for last week include Cpl. H. B. Moon for his cartoon on Japanese medals; Captain Falko M. Muller for his short story "Mush"; and O. C. Henry T. Wyman, 17th company, 3rd STR, for his poem "Benning School for Boys".

Contributors are again urged to submit their entries, especially editorial and comic cartoons.

Baker Village, Benning Park To Elect New Officials On July 6th

Special Units Camp To Open Next Sunday

Recreational Project Completed For Post's Colored Servicemen

The newly renovated Special Units Camp, located at the junction of Jamestown and Hourglass roads, Harmony Church area, will be formally opened to the colored troops of the Harmony Church area, on Sunday, June 20, when representatives of the Provisional Truck Regiment, and the Service battalions of the Second and Third Student Training Regiments, combine in presenting a program celebrating the opening of this recreational project.

Under the general supervision of Chaplain Levi L. Stanmore, of the Third Student Training Regiment and part time chaplain of the Provisional Truck Regiment, and Lt. Henry A. Talbert, Special Service Officer of the Provisional Truck Regiment, this program will start at 4 o'clock on the bandstand in the camp. Special speakers have been chosen to give remarks of timely interest, and musical numbers will be supplied by talented members of all three of the regiments.

Refreshments will be served to all who attend and a recreational and social period will be given revolving around the beautiful lake with its row boats, and the newly finished modern clubhouse with its cool, screened porch. Visitors will be taken on a tour of the camp and have an opportunity to inspect the clubhouse with its completely equipped kitchen (less actual cooking utensils), three barbecue pits and grills, the bathhouse with showers and complete toilet facilities, and the surroundings highlighted by the abundance of shade trees. The first of many delightful affairs planned for the entertainment of the colored soldiers in this area, this event is open to the public and all are invited.



Soup To Nuts Here Monday

One Performance Slated For The Alabama Area

One performance of the USO-Camp Show "Soup to Nuts" is scheduled for Monday, June 28, at 8:30 p. m., when the members of the Fort Benning Paratroopers of the Alabama Area on the outdoor stage, Lt. Col. Charles C. Finnegan, special service officer at the post, announced.

This New York musical comedy revue, headlined by Broadway Jester Harry Rose as master of ceremonies, is replete with gags, songs, dances and specialties routine with nice timing. In the way of feminine pulchritude, the Taft Krellow Girls, who open the show with a precision dance number.

Other stars of the cast include Vernon and Draper, a young man and girl duo, who have a sophisticated singing and dancing routine which they highlight with a subtle comedy patter; Seed and White, zany acrobatic team who pummel one another all over the stage; Harriet Evans, from New York's famous Swing Street who combines outstanding personality with great ability to deliver a song, and Gregory, Raymond and Cherie, musical novelty trio who have been termed the "Musical Lunatics" because of their outstanding ability to play standards as well as novelty instruments including the "hootinany" and the "theramin," of which there are only four in this country.

2 Communities Will Be Divided Into 15 Districts

Tuesday, July 6, has been selected as election day for Baker Village and Benning Park. On that date the residents of these two communities will march to the polls to elect permanent officials to govern the community.

This announcement was made Tuesday night by First Sgt. Percy H. Hopkins, temporary mayor of the community, before more than 1,000 Baker Village-Benning Park residents who attended a giant mass meeting on the village recreational field.

Under the proposed plan there will be 15 representative councilmen, in addition to the mayor and four commissioners to be elected at large. Baker Village will be split into nine districts, each electing a councilman, while Benning Park homes will have representatives from six districts.

Wade Coggins, assistant manager of Newton D. Baker Village, expressed gratification that the program for self-government is underway.

The following temporary officials were introduced by master of ceremonies, Jack Gibney, Mayor, 1st Sgt. Percy H. Hopkins; W. W. Daughtry, commissioner of traffic; J. R. Grayson, commissioner of recreation; J. F. Harper, commissioner of welfare; and J. A. White, commissioner of sanitation.

These temporary officials were selected by a general committee who volunteered to work out a temporary governing program which consists chiefly of outlining the form of government and drawing up the rules of elections so the people may elect their own permanent officers.

Sergeant Hines outlined plans for the project, including the ultimate goals, addition of a nursery school run by the people, a shopping center, the project and a dispensary. He outlined the form of government.

The 16th Infantry band played a concert, through arrangements made by Sgt. A. A. Wonsick, chairman of the ways and means committee.

Federal Vehicle Stamps On Sale At Post Office; Must Be Displayed July 1

The new 1943-44 Federal Automotive Vehicle stamp which must be displayed on all cars after July 1, is now on sale at the Post Office, the project and its seven sub-units.

The tag costs \$5 and must be purchased by all car owners operating automobiles.

Congressman Baldwin Visits Fort Benning

Solon Fathers Bill Paying Extra Cash For Quick Victory

Congressman Joseph C. Baldwin of New York, author of the Second World War Veterans' Fund bill, concluded a two day visit to Fort Benning yesterday and left with the impression that "it's the greatest school in the world."

He was the guest of Capt. Henry Lee Munson who is on the New General Leven C. Allen, Commandant of The Infantry School.

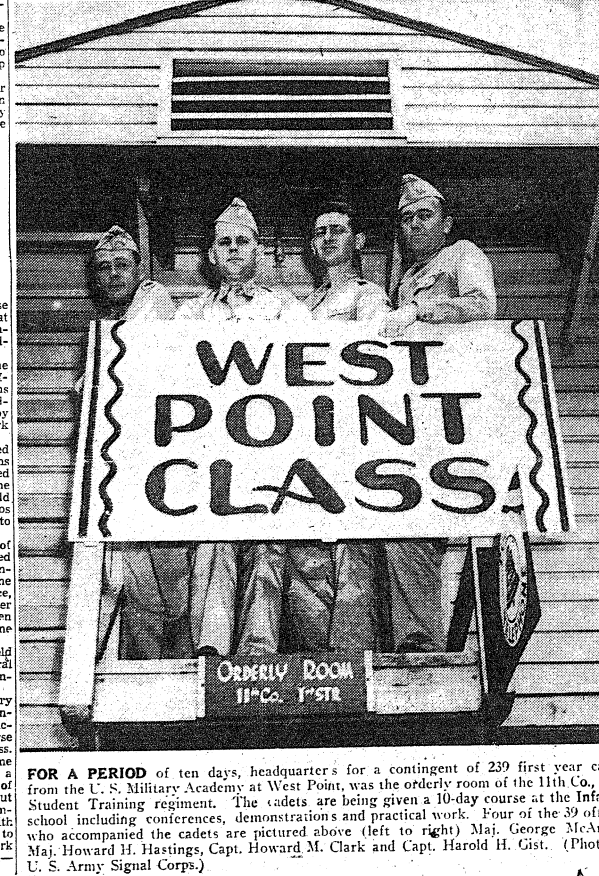
Speaking of his Veterans' Fund bill, which is, in effect, a bonus bill, Congressman Baldwin pointed out that it provides cash in the sum of \$300 to \$400 for every man and woman who served in the war from 1917 to 1918. If the war is prolonged, the amount will be greater at the rate of \$100 a year.

His advantage, he said, was the fact the cash would be paid upon discharge when the soldier or sailor or marine needs it most—not two or three years later.

HOW IT WORKS
The bill works this way: The Government is to deposit \$23 each month for everyone in military or merchant marine service, dating from December 7, 1941, when the war started, until the time the bill is passed. Those who have been inducted since Dec. 7, 1941, will have the amount allotted to them according to the number of months served.



CONGRESSMAN BALDWIN



FOR A PERIOD of ten days, headquarters for a contingent of 239 first year cadets from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, was the orderly room of the 11th Co., First Student Training Regiment. The cadets are being given a 10-day course at the Infantry School including conferences, demonstrations and practical work. Four of the 39 officers who accompanied the cadets are pictured above (left to right) Maj. George McAneny, Maj. Howard H. Hastings, Capt. Howard M. Clark and Capt. Harold H. Gist. (Photo by U. S. Army Signal Corps.)

French Class Finishes Course

General Weems Delivers Baccalaureate Address

The special eight weeks course for French Officers conducted at The Infantry School was concluded here Saturday with graduation ceremonies.

During the weeks in which the course was held, the French officers studied American weapons and tactics. These studies included conferences, demonstrations by school troops and practical work by themselves.

In the latter, they disassembled and assembled various weapons of the Infantry and also operated them. They learned tactics in the classroom and also in the field where they watched school troops go through various maneuvers to illustrate the lectures.

Officers who were members of the class which was arranged especially for them, were assembled from various parts of the world. Some came from France, others from Africa and a number were Frenchmen who had been living in this country for some time.

At graduation exercises held Saturday, Brig. Gen. General George Weems, assistant TIS commandant, addressed the class.

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Nazis Can, Probably Will Bomb American Cities

Army Is Eager For Public To Know Facts Of Situation

By HENRY J. TAYLOR
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Large sections of the public may not believe that German bombers can or will attack us on the American mainland. But American high army authorities are convinced that the Nazis will strike. What's more, many of them are eager that the American people know this. The morale and strategic purposes of such a raid, they explain, can be defeated if the public understands what it is all about.

NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON
"Where will the enemy strike?" "We look for them over Washington and New York," I was told, "although none of the large Eastern and Midwestern centers can be considered immune."
When? "Any time. They'll come over. Make no mistake about that." Important air officers, top commanders, the men who must stop the enemy, gave me this blunt answer. They urged the need for a better understanding by ordinary Americans of what such raids would aim to accomplish. That is why I have written this article. That is why THE AMERICAN MERCURY is cooperating to obtain the widest attention for it. Unless air raid wardens, nurses, aids, civilian defense workers and the people at large recognize the danger—not so much in its effects on public opinion—the Nazis may succeed in attaining their primary objective.

NO PANIC NECESSARY
There is a feeling among our most important air staffs that when the enemy comes there may be loud and dangerous shouts of "Another Pearl Harbor!" There may be panic pressures to keep more air-planes at home. There may be a wave of apprehension. None of these things need be and none of them will be if the facts are more widely known and understood in advance.

AS ONE who has seen Nazi bombers attack from the Baltic to the Mediterranean, over London, Gibraltar, Egypt and the Middle East, I know that any shouts of "Pearl Harbor" would be unfair to the army and to the top officers involved. More important, it would be unfair to the American cause since it would play right into the enemy's hands.

VISITS LOCAL BASES
Recently I visited vital U. S. Army Air Corps interceptor fields from Florida to New England. Previously, I had been abroad with many of the same American staff officers who now command these fields. We had been together during their training periods in England, and while they were taking our planes to action elsewhere. The settings on this side are different—no ack-ack fire every night, no blazing sheets of wandering searchlights, no quick commands for fighter squadrons to take to the air. But the men are the same.

I asked them how they could expect to do in the United States what is not done anywhere in the world; namely develop a shut-out against enemy attack. Their answers were specific enough. "We can't do it. And the Nazis, of course, know we can't. There

simply is no way to stop a scattered air raid."
NO 100% INTERCEPTION
And that's the central fact which the public needs to know. It is impossible to mass enough interceptor planes and anti-aircraft batteries to keep off every Nazi attacker. To attempt to do that, all our fighting production would have to be retained at home, where the enemy would like to have us keep it, and even then bombs would fall.

The Nazis cannot attack in force and they cannot maintain sustained raids. Hitler's Luftwaffe at this stage cannot really hurt our war effort. While the amount of physical damage they could do would be trifling in relation to the total set-up, they would hope to work an immense amount of moral havoc in our midst.

NAZI BOMBS COULD...
Nazi bombs could start a great hue and cry among us about industry, lack of preparedness and vulnerability. Nazi bombs could pin down here more of our war equipment and fighting men than are actually needed. That would add up to significant military achievements by the Nazi mission. If the raid succeeded in getting our public sufficiently excited and worried, Hitler and Goering and Goebbels would consider it worth the heavy investment.

Furthermore, the Nazis would thereby please the Japs by offering a friendly retaliation for our raids on Tokyo. As far as the German people are concerned, Nazi propaganda would have a wonderful field to serve with headlines of "Washington burning!" White House wrecked! Nazi propaganda would have the first wisp of smoke, no matter how small. Now that Allied bombings are increasing over Germany, it would mean a lot to Hitler to print such exaggerations. It is inconceivable that the Nazi mind has overlooked the advantages of such a raid, however costly and however limited in its physical effects, in terms of its psychological consequences inside Germany and inside the U. S. A.

HOW THEY CAN DO IT
Goering knows how to get planes here. When it is over, we are not likely to know likely how it was done—any more than the Japs knew exactly how Doolittle and his boys managed the job.

A squadron can hop from Germany to the barren stretches of Labrador, let us say, with the greatest ease. From such a hiding place it could come down along our seaboard, drop its load of explosives, and return. Such a trip is readily within the grasp of a bomber. Both the Graf Zeppelin and the Hindenburg in their day surveyed and charted the air currents around Labrador, and the Germans had weather stations in the Far North continuously until expelled by American and Canadian forces.

Or miscellaneous planes can be catapulted at sea. The Nazis have done a lot of pioneer work with catapult devices. Germans exist in the Long Island harbor, using their catapult Freisenland and Schwabenland regularly off our shores, before the war began. Their new sea-raiding cruisers carry planes and aircraft carriers may also be sneaked out.

There may be other ways of doing it. The answer in army circles to queries about the how of it is simple. "Of course they can do it. Why not?"
PLANES DIFFUSED
We would, of course, be warned by highly scientific radio devices by interceptors. It is the interceptor Command's task to meet attackers in the air. But when single planes are diffused over a wide area, no intercepting operation can meet them all. The few that get through would suffice for

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Soldiers visiting in Phenix City have an opportunity to sleep late on Sunday morning, forget about making their beds, and enjoy a breakfast they help prepare themselves. Captain Richard T. Bergen, director of the Salvation Army USO in Phenix City, disclosed this week. Two hundred beds are available.

A nominal charge of 25 cents is made for the use of the clean sheets on Saturday night, but soldiers the next morning can have a shower, press their clothes and do their part in making their breakfast. Captain Bergen makes the coffee. Mrs. Bergen cooks the eggs, while one soldier is given the opportunity to cook the bacon and another the toast for the morning meal, the captain stated.

Each Thursday night the club holds an old-fashioned ice cream supper, with the soldiers freezing the ice cream. This is followed by singing.
At the Junior Chamber of Commerce Lakes last Saturday, 40 soldiers attended a picnic given by the U. S. O. Thirty-eight wedding ceremonies have been performed in the club "quiet room," including one wedding for a member whose affianced arrived from Chicago 15 minutes after midnight. Captain Bergen performs the ceremonies with a charge.

Selects leaving from Phenix City are given their lunch by the club before they leave the community, and also are given a letter from the Civilians and the Junior Chamber of Commerce have their dinners at the club.

Jordan School Red Cross Unit Gives WAAC's Curtains

The day room of the 43rd WAAC Headquarters company is now adorned with 17 pair of new cretonne curtains donated by the Jordan Vocational High School chapter of the Junior Red Cross and the senior home economics class of the same school.

Wishing to help their sisters in service the school's Junior Red Cross chapter purchased material for the curtains, and students in the home economics class, under the guidance of Miss Louise Randall, completed them.

Captain Evelyn Rockrock, company commander in accepting the gift expressed her appreciation and thanks to all concerned for their interest in the unit.

Goering's main purpose. As the sirens scream; the civilian defense forces spring into action, police cars screech down the street and searchlights stab the sky, as the ack-ack fire breaks out with a thundering roar and throws a barrage of high shrapnel into the people of the city under attack cannot know that only a few scattered enemy planes are overhead.

The external excitement and action are as intense against a skeleton raid as against massed air might. Generally the planes are so high that nobody can see them. Or miscellaneous planes can be catapulted at sea. The Nazis have done a lot of pioneer work with catapult devices. Germans exist in the Long Island harbor, using their catapult Freisenland and Schwabenland regularly off our shores, before the war began. Their new sea-raiding cruisers carry planes and aircraft carriers may also be sneaked out.

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FOR GERMAN MORALE
From the enemy's standpoint it would be enough. Enough for exploitation at home to raise the sagging morale in Germany. Enough to stimulate protests and bickering in America. Enough to cause local and Congressional demands for more anti-aircraft and planes and other equipment to make every one of our myriad population and industrial areas invulnerable.

Our air defense officers are good, their interceptors and detection apparatus are good, their anti-aircraft is good. They are fully prepared, on the alert, and entirely able to repulse any concerted attack and to make it far too expensive for the Nazis to stage large scale raids. But they can't stop raids by scattered planes. It isn't possible and it isn't worth it.
The role of the public is to avoid hysteria.

'Click' Features 24th General Mess In Current Issue

Featured in a three page lay-out in the latest issue of 'CLICK' magazine is the super deluxe mess of the 24th General Hospital, set up under the supervision of 1st Lt. Clifford E. Clinton, now mess officer of the new Army Exchange Restaurant at Fort Benning.

The story which was written and photographed by Dale Rooks, unit's staff officer, shows the myriad activities centered around their ideal army mess hall.
Included are pictures of its streamlined serving counter, displays of special dishes prepared by the mess, a group of soldiers entertaining special guests, the unit's weekly birthday party, and pictures of Lieutenant Clinton.
While here Photographer Rooks took a special meal in the mess hall and threatened to join the 24th Hospital just so he could eat there all the time.

10th Armored Duo Wins Bonds

Army Times Gives \$25 Certificates For Song

The song, "I Ain't Talking," composed by Technician Fourth Grade Chad Howard and Pvt. Sam Perna of the Third Armored Regiment Dance Band, Tenth Armored Division, Fort Benning, has been submitted to the Army Hit Committee for possible publication in that popular Special Service feature.

Sgt. Howard, who composed the music after Pvt. Perna had written the lyrics, and Perna have each been awarded a \$25 War Bond by the Army Times which has published words and music to the song. They wrote the song as an adjunct to the Careless—Words—Cost—Lives and a S I p-of-the-Lip—May—Sink-a-Ship campaign.

At the present time they are competing in a Tenth Armored Division contest to find a winner to be named. Their entry is entitled "We Are the Tigers." They have worked together on numerous favorite numbers around Fort Benning, among which is "The Tenth Armored Tiger Song."

Sgt. Howard, who is leader of the Third Armored Regiment dance band, has many Fort Benning hits to his credit including "How Time Flies," "When I Look Back," "Where Have You Gone," "Cheer Up Brethren" and an arrangement of "Tenth Armored Herby."

Before entering the Army some two years ago he was with the orchestra of Don Peebles which made a cross-country tour with Sally Rand and was born in Little Rock, Pa., and was inducted from Harrisburg, Pa.

Pvt. Perna hails from Detroit, Mich. A barman in civilian life, he began his lyric-writing career after entering the Army. He is 28 and Sgt. Howard is 26.

Their song, "I Ain't Talking," follows:
I AIN'T TALKING
If some body wants to know "How's The Army, Mister Joe?" I'm too wise to make 'em replies "Cause 'I ain't talkin'."

If while walking down the street Folks have questions when you meet, Don't be a dud; say "Listen Buddy!" "I ain't talkin'!"

I ain't talkin'—No siree Can't tell secrets If I'm in the know you see It's a sacred vow with me.

Tell your pal or gal or wife, They want to save a life Don't repeat just be discreet Say "I ain't talkin'!"

If you want my policy Bout the things I hear and see I don't blab, just stow the gab "Cause 'I ain't talkin'!"

If while sitting in a bar Strangers ask you how things are Say "Sorry, Chum, I'm keeping mum" "Cause "I ain't talkin'!"

If you want a friendly dip, Here's what you should do Better button up your lip. That is my advice to you.

Just don't broadcast any dope, Tell the gang it's just "no soap" Just be nice and say "no dice" "Cause "I Ain't Talkin'."

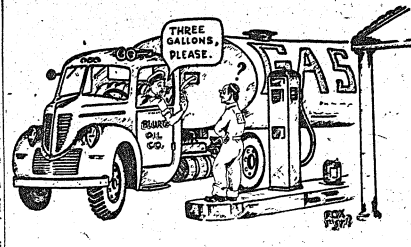
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PHENIX CITY FIVE POINTS



Announcer Has Personal Grudge Against Rommel

Harold C. Hassell used to be a commercial radio announcer and it always burned him up when he was interrupted while extolling the excellence of soaps, cereals, etc., by news flashes concerning the doings of Rommel in North Africa. The war finally simmered down to the point where, to Hassell, it was a bitter, personal feud between Hassell and Rommel.

One day he felt he had endured enough and he showed his microphone out of the way and went into camp at Fort Snelling, Minn., there to lay plans for suppressing this Rommel, who indirectly cut into his broadcasts.
Hassell, who comes from St. Paul, was at Fort Snelling for eight months and then came to Fort Benning as an officer candidate in the Ninth Company, Third Student Training Regiment, to effect an even closer meeting with his arch enemy. Meanwhile, the Americans and British in Africa did a pretty good job of taking

Heir-Raid

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Sgt. and Mrs. Edward L. Harvey, 11th Arm. Regt., boy, June 6. Pfc. and Mrs. Joe G. Johnson, Camp Shelby, Miss., girl, June 6. Capt. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Paul, 1st Regt., boy, June 6. S. Sgt. and Mrs. Marie J. Stivermer, Acad. Regt. 1982, boy, June 7. P-4 and Mrs. Wm. J. Kosakowski, Acad. Regt. 1982, boy, June 7. Major and Mrs. John J. Jaki, 1st STr, girl, June 8. Sgt. and Mrs. Theodore S. DuBois, Prov. Trk. Regt., boy, June 8. Pfc. and Mrs. William G. Schlossen, Station Hosp., boy, June 8. 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Russell F. Markula, 99th Ord. Co., boy, June 9. P-4 and Mrs. John J. Jaki, 1st STr, girl, June 10. Sgt. and Mrs. Harold Lane, 164th Tank Bn., boy, June 10. 1st Sgt. and Mrs. Harold J. Biscala, 1st Capt. Regt., girl, June 10. Capt. and Mrs. Wm. F. Travers, 124th Inf. Regt., boy, June 10. 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Raymond Kallgren, 54th Acad. Sqr., 1982, girl, June 10. Care of Herr General Rommel but Hassell wants to help finish the whole business because he has a map of the world in his pocket.

Many AAF Men Seek Commissions

Although too new to have established any academic or field records, the present class in the 11th Company, Third Student Training Regiment, which got underway May 26, has set an all-time high in the number of aspirants for commissions from the Army Air Forces.
Out of a class of 201, 110 came to Fort Benning from Air Forces units, or approximately 55 per cent of the enrollment.
Virtually every branch of the service is represented in the class.

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General Allen's Aide Pulled Draft Numbers

BY MARTHA BUMPAS

There was an expectant hush. All eyes were on the blind-folded figure of a man behind a crystal bowl. The figure held his hand high, with sleeve rolled up to show that he had nothing concealed.

Then as the crowd waited, breathless, Robert W. Shackleton plunged his hand deep into the bowl containing the draft numbers of the first 21-year-old selective service men of 1941.

The honor of drawing the first number from the now historical golden bowl in Washington was accorded to Sergeant Shackleton, when Secretary Frank Knox felt that the capsule should be drawn by the highest ranking non-commissioned officer present.

Sergeant Shackleton, now Captain Shackleton and aide to Maj. Gen. Leven C. Allen, knew then that this would always be his most important public appearance, even if he were blind-folded.

But let's go back to pre-emergency days before World War II service. To Philadelphia native Robert W. Shackleton, a native of the "city of brotherly love," made his first public appearance in 1935. There, he joined the Gilbert and Sullivan Savoy Opera Company (where Nelson Eddy got his start) and acted the leads of all shows from "Pinafore" to "Iolanthe."

In BEA LITTLE SHOW

Jasper Deeter's Heigerow Theatre was Bob's next stop. He studied Shakespearean drama and "long hair" acting, but he admits that he had to "unlearn" much of his technique after he quit there when he came in contact with the fast-moving commercial theatrical crowd in New York.

Shortly after his arrival in New York, Shackleton's big chance came. When one of the leading members of the cast of Bea Little's show, "Set to Music," was called to London, Bob, who had a very small part in the show, was chosen to fill the vacancy. He and ten Powers' models were the only American members of the English cast.

Bob well remembers his audition before his favorite composer, Jerome Kern. In the middle of his song (and he was requested positions), the composer pushed back his chair, went upstairs, and waded all over the house. Though his heart sank into his to sing anything but Kern's compositions as he heard the footsteps above him, Bob somehow managed to continue his singing, shouting the notes to the refiners in hopes that he could reach Kern in some way.

At the finish of the song, which seemed endless, he sank into the nearest chair, quivering, to await the verdict. Kern finally came into the room smiling, he explained to Bob that he had passed the "test" . . . by being here, and was commissioned at Fort Benning in the first officer's Candidate Class to graduate after



CAPT. ROBT. W. SHACKLETON

stances possible. Bob was given a part in Kern's next production, and was chosen to sing the juvenile lead, introducing the song, "All the Things You Are" in Oscar Hammerstein's show "Very Warm for May" (with Eve Arden and Grace McDonald).

From there he joined the cast of "Three After Three" and played opposite Mary Brian. Other leading members of the company were: Simone Simone, Mitzie Green, and Stephen Feltch.

Between shows, one could find Bob "fluttering hearts" as he sang in the biggest night clubs in New York, on a sustaining NBC program, and modeling for Harry Conover. As a matter of fact, his pictures still may be found in magazines displaying the "Pepesodan or Smile" and "Vaseline Hair Tonic," etc. Although he doesn't smoke, Bob's first appearance on a signboard was posing for a cigarette advertisement. In 1938, he played with Dorothy Fox in the first musical comedy show on television.

The last New York stage fling came when he joined the company of "Keep Off the Grass" (with Jane Froman, Ilka Chase, Ray Bolger, and Jimmy Durante). After the show closed, Bob enlisted in the army and was sent to Fort Dix. There, he organized an orchestra made up of members of all the big name bands sent to Dix, and was given a full page write-up in PM Magazine.

Bob's love for music came naturally, for his mother was once a professional singer. Although his talents are varied, his ambition is to sing on the concert stage and to work in musical comedy.

He was commissioned at Fort Benning in the first officer's Candidate Class to graduate after

Enlisted Men Of 300th Infantry Get Promotions

Enlisted men of the 300th Infantry have received promotions upon the recommendations of their company commanders, Col. Richard G. McKee, commanding officer of the regiment, revealed today.

Promoted to Sergeant were Corporals Stanley J. Jankowski, Charles J. Norkus, Roy E. Worley, Larry Wright and Max D. Stevens. Up the ladder to Technician 4th Grade have gone Pfc. Emanuel E. Sherman, Pfc. Hersey T. Tremblay and T-5 William E. Tell. Appointed to Corporal were Privates First Class Clyde F. Patrick, Alfred A. Borchard, John M. Welch, James D. Tucker, Fred Enos and Privates Herbert C. Reinke and Theodore J. Stefaniak. From Private First Class and Privates to Technician Fifth Grade went James J. Tuttle and James Savage.

AR Streamlined For Simplification

Acting to streamline Army regulations the War Department has approved revision of these directives along functional lines, according to word received at post headquarters.

Instead of similar regulations being carried under different heads, the basic policies will be listed under one broad heading. For example, instead of details of allowances for enlisted men, war-time allowances, and officers' allowances being listed separately, all will be included in one general memorandum.

Only in the case of more or less permanent policies will the Army regulations be carried on the basic file. Additional details as to the manner of carrying out the policies, liable to frequent modifications, will be referred to field manuals and similar publications.

Present plans call for AR's being placed in one volume, with loose leaf pages. Under this system, "changes to regulations" will be abolished. When revisions occur, the page affected will be reprinted.

Captain Lamar Gains Majority

Captain Joseph R. Lamar, former executive officer of 2nd Battalion, 1st Student Training Regiment, was recently promoted to major as announced by Colonel Robert Sharp, regimental commander.

Major Lamar, a native of Cazenovia, N. Y., is a graduate of St. John's University, Brooklyn, N. Y. From 1933 to 1941 he was connected with the CCC of 2nd Corps as Sub District Inspector, Adjutant and District Executive Officer. In July of 1941 he relinquished his civilian status to active duty at Pine Camp, N. Y. August of the same year he was sent to the Infantry School to attend a course in heavy weapons.

Major Lamar was assigned to the 2nd Battalion as an administrative officer after completion of the special course in April of 1942. At present Major Lamar has been assigned to 3rd Company to attend an advanced officers course.

Pearl Harbor was bombed. After serving as an instructor on the advanced machine gun committee, Captain Robert W. Shackleton was chosen to serve as aide-de-camp to Major General Leven C. Allen, Commandant of the Infantry School.

Soldiers Abuse Mail Privilege

Continued Violations May Bring Changes

Lt. Colonel Hartley B. Dean, chief of postal section, Headquarters, Fourth Service Command, striking at abuse of the free mail privilege extended to servicemen, warned that continuation of this action may result in change of rules, according to word received at post headquarters.

The regulation provides that traveling privileges shall be applicable only to personal mail, including post cards. However, soldiers and their families have time and again endeavored to send packages, announcement cards, and other mail in direct violation of the order, the colonel said.

He added that the sender's name, his grade, the designation of service to which he belongs, and the word "free" must be in the sender's own handwriting.

Although greeting cards are also acceptable free of postage, newspapers, printed or mimeographed materials, and letters of officers clubs or other organizations, are not.

Whether it is permissible that former business men use the privilege to carry on their business.

Former Benning CO Nominated Lieut. General

Major General Omar N. Bradley, 56 year old Missourian, who was stationed at Fort Benning as instructor and head of the Weapons Section of the Infantry School, and later commanding general of the post, and school commandant from February 1941, to February 1942, has been nominated for the rank of lieutenant general.

It was General Bradley who led the Second Army Corps, composed of the 1st Armored Division, and the 1st, 9th, and 24th Infantry Divisions in their break through to Bizerte during the final phase of the Tunisian campaign.

A graduate of Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Army War College, Washington, D. C., and a former instructor in mathematics and tactics at West Point, General Bradley is considered one of the outstanding infantry leaders.

He is a native of Clark, Missouri and a graduate of the 1915 West Point class.

300 Infantry Trio Get Silver Bars

Promotion of three officers to first lieutenant was recently revealed here by Col. Richard G. McKee, commanding officer of the 300th Infantry. Those promoted were Lt. Harvey A. Simpson, Executive Officer of Co. D, Robert P. Post, 2nd Bn. Motor Transport Officer and Lt. Edward W. Martin, Platoon Leader of the 1st Platoon.

Lt. Simpson before his enlistment was a District Budget Supervisor for a B. F. Goodrich Company. Lt. Post was engaged in Traffic Management and Lt. Martin worked as a general insurance agent.

Army Invites Soldiers Into Parachute Artillery

Airborne Command Launches All-Out Drive To Get GI Volunteers

To any G.I. who is possibly yearning for some thrill-parade at night, the army has an invitation: Join the highly specialized artillerymen in the Airborne Command.

Lt. General Lesley J. McNair, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, has announced from his headquarters in Washington, D. C., that arrangements have been completed to receive and train an unlimited number of artillerymen in the tactics of the paratroops.

The Airborne Command, under the direction of Major General E. C. Chapman, has its headquarters at Camp Mackall, North Carolina. To qualify as paratroops, the artillerymen are first schooled at Fort Benning's famed Parachute School under the command of Brigadier General George P. Howell. There are training centers of the command at various camps and posts throughout the country.

RIGID PREREQUISITES

Soldiers who have received basic training and development are especially desirable for enrollment at this time provided they can meet these rigid physical requirements:

Applicants must volunteer for Paratroop duty.

They must be alert, active, supple, with firm muscles and sound mind. They must be free from individual fighters of aggression, with great endurance.

Age limits—18 to 32, both inclusive.

Weight—Maximum, 185 pounds.

Height—Maximum, not over six feet.

Vision—Distant vision uncorrected must be 20-40 in each eye, or better.

Feet, bone structure, nervous system, medical history, blood pressure, etc., must all be above the average.

The Paratroop Unit, contrary to popular belief, is not designed as a "glamour" outfit, but rather it is meant to be a hard-fighting, tough group of men that must perform spearheads for advances against objectives deep into enemy territory. Paratroop Units work in close cooperation with the other two units, the Airborne Command—the Airborne Infantry and Artillery.

CHUTISTS' JOB

Paratroops launch their attack from the air by means of parachutes. When they reach the ground they are strictly Infantry and Artillery in maneuver and operation. Their job is to attack and destroy the enemy and hold the objective until the arrival of other Airborne Units which come by transport planes and gliders that must land to discharge their cargoes of men and material.

Paratroops are able to use of specially constructed parachutes, to bring heavy machine guns, mortars and disassembled light field and anti-aircraft pieces of artillery with them.

In addition to the basic and advanced training in Artillery, the Paratroops learn the proper way to pack and handle his chute, how to ride a motorcycle, how to drive a truck, how to operate a tank and fire weapons, and how to run a locomotive. He is taught how to handle explosives and where to use them to do the enemy the greatest possible amount of harm. He is taught these things because they are the things he is expected to do when he goes into combat.

Tactics in battle after the Paratrooper reaches the ground are basically the same as a man faces in regular artillery combat.

Advantages offered by the Paratroops are the ease of transportation in maneuvers and combat, freedom from long and difficult movements on the ground, the excellent chances for advancement in grade in this new branch of the Army, and the additional pay—fifty dollars a month extra, regardless of grade.

Artillery-trained soldiers who wish to transfer to the Paratroops may do so by applying to their company first sergeant. He will aid in the filing of the application for transfer.

Intellectuals Grace Company E Roster, 300th Infantry

Something new in the line of recruits arrived at Company E of the 300th Infantry recently. These are apparently picked men, for the group boasts of General Classification Marks exceeding 110 on the part of most of the men. The recruits, of all ages from 18 to 33 have recently completed basic training at Camp Robinson, Ark., and Camp Pannin, Tex., and some have had additional training in Non-Com and O. C. S. Prep schools.

At the present time the recruits are undergoing a refresher review of their basic training and have a fairly stiff schedule. Beginning with a period of strenuous athletics they go on to rifle marksmanship, map reading and all the other important subjects of an infantry soldier. It has been noted that they are especially expert at close order drill and have aroused considerable attention by the form and precision they display.

Hill, Commanding Officer of the Gator Regiment.

As a member of the 124th Infantry for 18 years, the Major has held all enlisted ranks and received his commission as second lieutenant in 1937.

The Major, born in Yazoo City, Miss., attended high school at Tunica, Miss., and graduated from the University of Florida, where he received a B.A.E. degree. He played football for the Orange and Blue, it was his college days that gave him his football background, which he applied as assistant coach of the post champion 124th Infantry football eleven.

Major Stinson recently completed a course in an advanced class of the Infantry School's battalion commander and staff officers school. In civilian life, he was principal of the Onco Junior High school, Monatee county, Fla.

124 Infantry S-4 Appointed Major

Captain William B. Stinson, 124th Infantry S-4, was recently appointed major, according to an announcement by Colonel John D.

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3rd STR Gets 4 New Captains

Four first lieutenants of the Third Student Training Regiment, Infantry School Service Command have been promoted to the rank of captain, Col. R. H. Lord, regimental commander, announced today.

They are Lieutenants Elwin I. Whaley of Waukesha, Wis.; Thomas Barry Cantrell of Saranac Lake, N. Y.; John Franklin Hartzel of Chalfonte, Pa.; and Malcolm Kullmar of Bel Air, Md.

Captains Kullmar and Hartzel are of the Eighth Company, Third Student Training Regiment. Capt. Whaley is a tactical officer in the Infantry School and Capt. Cantrell is adjutant of the regiment's Second Battalion.

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Remember that a year ago we were on the run. Six months ago we were standing our ground on the defensive. Today the tables are turned. We are on the offensive. We'll keep on that way. It is all in the grand strategic plan. It was worked out with our Allies and they and we know where we are going.—Lieut. Gen. Brehon D. Somervell.

We Want To Pay As We Go Too

Last week President Roosevelt signed the income tax bill passed by the Congress which placed most of the nation's millions of tax-payers on a pay-as-you-go system whereby they pay their indebtedness to the Government from month to month as they earn their money. Members of the armed forces of the country were left on the old system of paying which might be termed a "pay-as-you-go" basis, that is, they pay what we have the intestinal fortitude to put money by with which to meet our debt to Uncle Sam at the end of each quarter.

The tax bill gives members of the armed forces an additional personal exemption of \$1,500. However, come next March 15, we will have to pay the select group exempted from the pay-as-you-go plan, will pay the first quarter of the 1944 tax, plus the victory tax of 5 per cent, plus one-half of the first quarter installment due on the 1943 or 1944 tax, whichever is the larger. Income tax experts at Post Headquarters estimate that the tax for military personnel in the lower brackets will average 18 per cent plus three or five per cent victory tax which will amount to 21 or 23 per cent to be paid on taxable income.

Now our G. I. mind does not object in the least to paying the income tax. We feel that, since many of us still serving within the continental limits of the United States are receiving more pay than we enjoyed in civilian life, the high cost of living notwithstanding, we should pay an income tax. We are willing to give the Government any amount of our income it feels it needs to win this war and win it as quickly as possible. What we object to is the fact that we have not been placed on a pay-as-you-go basis.

The BAYONET has interviewed a cross-section of officers assigned to post headquarters and we believe they also represent a cross-section of all military personnel stationed at Fort Benning. Their consensus is that all military personnel subject to payment of income tax and victory tax should also be included in the pay-as-you-go plan.

In the first place we too are subject to the temptation of spending too much on non-essentials, and when the time comes to pay the tax, we may find ourselves scraping the bottom of the barrel in order to meet our obligations. One officer bluntly stated that he is afraid he will have to cash in some of his bonds in order to pay his debt to the government.

Several officers are of the opinion that it would be much better for the Government to reduce the amount of base pay and longevity to take care of the tax and let the remainder be tax-exempt.

Including the armed forces in the new system of tax collection would also eliminate a tremendous amount of paper work and reduce in a measure the huge book-keeping staff the Government has to maintain to keep the income tax straight.

Therefore the BAYONET casts one vote in favor of the pay-as-you-go plan for the Armed Forces.

To Dad On Father's Day, June 20, 1943

DEAR DAD:

It isn't often that I've taken time over the years to tell you how very much you have meant and always will mean to me; how very much I appreciate all you have done and the greatest gift of all which you have given me, your name. Somehow, I think that you know, because the bond between us has been more like that of two buddies as well as one between father and son. I knew that if I ever attempted to tell you of my love, manlike you would have been embarrassed, and told me to cut all the muss and bother. However, today, since it is the one day of the year that fathers get their due, I am going to try and tell you what your love and sacrifice to rear me have meant to me, and how deep my gratitude and love really go.

Ever since I was able to notice things with my baby eyes, I had you pegged as a swell sport and a grand guy. When I was able to toddle around and talk a little, how you must have planned for the day when I would be able to go fishing and to ball games with you. Then one day I was old enough and we did start going fishing and to ball games. You were a regular pal, treating me as another pal even though we were often in company with much older people. You never made me feel that because of my youth I might be considered out of my place. Sometimes when you would come home from a hard day's work and be told by mother that I had been cutting up during the day, I could tell that when you took me to the cellar for my wallowing, it was hurting you every bit as much as myself. You didn't hit me very hard but I sure did holler and as I remember it, we sort of worked together on that score to let my mother think that I was getting the pasting of my life. You were always ready to give me your last cent for movies and candy and ice cream, and don't think that I'll ever forget any of them.

Then one day not long ago, I was inducted into the Army. I've tried awfully hard to be the kind of guy you want me to be, and though I have made mistakes, I think I have had a certain amount of success. I have tried to keep the same cheerful disposition you always had, and which

was one of the attributes which made you tops in my book. I've had a few furlongs since coming into service, and though I haven't spent too much time with you, in your understanding way, even without words you conveyed to me the impression that it was alright with you because you knew that I must spend most of my time with mother and Yvonne. I don't write letters individually to you often, but I know that you don't mind, as long as I am fine and working hard at my job. Today I am a good many miles from you and the family, but believe me, I will be as close to you in spirit as though I were actually there at the dinner table with you, and praying God that next year at this time we shall all be together again, not only on Father's Day, but Mother's Day, Christmas, Easter, birthdays, and all the other holidays and feast days throughout the year.

The bugle is blowing now for "Lights Out," so I'll have to close and hit the hay, but I'll be writing soon again. Happy Father's Day and Good Night, Dad.

Your Loving Son,

PAUL
Sgt. Paul F. Cunningham,
Chief Operator,
Post Radio Station.

Private Scores Enlisted Men Out of Uniform

The ruling against the wearing of officer-style clothing by the enlisted men in flagrantly violated in and around Ft. Benning. That fact is obvious. And this misconduct on the part of the violators brings a slightly confusing spectacle before the eyes of the new-arrived EM, as well as visitors to the Post. It presents to the public eye, now pretty well familiar with military uniforms and insignia, soldiers who appear in public in fresh, "out of uniform" habiliments. This does not speak well for the Service, of which the personnel of Ft. Benning is a part. Therefore, enlisted men who persist in appearing "out of uniform" before the public should be subjected to disciplinary action.

The situation vitally concerns Private John Doe. It irritates him no end when he suddenly comes upon what at first glance appears to be an officer rating a salute; but turns out to be, under closer scrutiny, a buck private. This is especially inconvenient in twilight, and to the recruit who is not too familiar with the various military insignia and customs the private wearing an indistinguishable tropical helmet, or garrison cap, gabardine slacks and shirt with shoulder straps; or the same type of clothing with metal insignia flashing on a non-government-issue overseas cap!

The metal organization insignias worn on caps are bad enough, as many of them resemble officer's bars to a great extent, but when one begins to meet soldiers with the cap insignias, shoulder-strap shirts, gabardine slacks and all, it is time to call a halt. Therefore, we humbly plead that these other privates be made to appear on the street as true privates. For, if we have to spend a valuable minute inspecting every man in uniform we meet to determine whether or not to salute him, how can we give our needed attention to the girl friend by his side?

Pvt. Randolph Jordan,
Det. Med. Dept.,
Station Hospital.

The Post's Water Supply Must Be Conserved

This is the time of the year when withering heat reaches this section of old Georgia and with it comes a terrible strain, not only on Benning's water supply, but also on the power needed to pump it.

Post headquarters officials are at this time calling the attention of all residents on the post that the water supply here is not without its limits, nor is the power it takes to circulate the water.

Post personnel should conserve water in every way possible by being sparing in its use; by reporting promptly leaking and dripping faucets in sinks, bathrooms, and by using water for irrigation only when and where it is necessary. Vehicle wash racks should be used in the same manner. With the approach of hot weather and possible scarcity of rain, it may become necessary to curtail or even prohibit the use of these wash racks connected with the post water supply system, it was said.

The time popularity of Victory Gardens about the post will, during dry weather, also add to the already heavy burden on the water supply. Post authorities warn that no victory gardens or lawns are to be watered between 10 a. m. and 5 p. m. In addition to the fact that these are hours when households are using the greatest amount of water, watering gardens and lawns under a broiling sun will result in the vegetation being burned up. When lawns are watered after 5 p. m., the hose will not be turned on for more than three hours.

Furthermore, the practice of children using hose shower baths is strictly forbidden. This practice constitutes a great waste of water in as much as there are enough swimming pools on the reservation to cool off the kiddies. Post officials expect the full cooperation of all concerned.



Funny Thing— HOW WE EXPECT TOO MUCH AND SUFFER BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT

BY CAPT. F. M. SCHILLING

We all agreed on that point, there were no two people both named Mihl Grabrinovich. Stan Casey and Hank Forrelli swore that it was Mike's picture in our "Gazette".... one that he had taken just before we sailed across the water. The newspapers in our "local" way... the cheap stock they used smudged easily. But there it was, the picture with Mike's name under it. The article said he was coming to town on the new reservoir survey project—some sort of check on the site and land acquisition. "Leave it to Mike to get one of those easy jobs," Stan Casey said, but Hank and I were interested in reading the complete details to listen.

It was a long wait until the 2:30 local, but a few hours meant nothing now.... the last of the Four Horsemen was returning. Somehow we had managed to stick through it all together. Together? Where were we together last? Let me see.... Forrelli said it was at Verdun. I guess he was right at that. The night of the last big drive, the push that threw the Jerries back. We cracked old Hindenburg's Line that time. Days and nights when we thought that there would be no end to all this—march—advance.... Dig in. Advance, go ahead. It was here that we lost track of Mike and we never found out what happened. We worried terribly for awhile.... then forgot. Forgot until we remembered every once in awhile.

Remembered that he pulled us out of the thick of it at Chemin des Dames. He dragged Forrelli for two hundred yards the time the Bosch got Hank in the leg with a piece of shrapnel.

Good old Grabrinovich. Home at last. Back to his place in the quartet. Back to the place that never had been filled. News for the first time of the lost sheep. Funny thing... he never told us where he lived—or else we'd forgotten. But the waiting was all over. Mike would be here and the time would roll back to the yesterday of twenty-odd years ago.

Hank and Stan and I had quite a time of it that afternoon. We fought and lived those days gone by over and over again. Fought at Chemin des Dames then on to the La Reine and Boucy sector. Beyond Chateau-Thierry and into the thick of it in the Marne offensive.... Rupt, Tryon, then St. Mihiel and Verdun. The time got far behind us—Hank was the first to notice the station clock. Two minutes left. Our reception committee of three was ready. Nervous and excited like kids headed for a Sunday school outing.

It wasn't until most of the passengers had disappeared that we finally spotted him. Just exactly the way he had looked when first we met him at the training camp. Something inside of us turned sick and disappointed. We had expected too much.

Funny things that we had forgotten.... Mike said something once about having a son.



WHAT IRRITATES YOU?

Chaplain F. M. Thompson

The American people are said to be very irritable. Col. Hugh Johnson would call it: "Ants in the pants."

Perhaps we have more cause than other folks to be that way. At least it is an evidence of life; a head of cabbage never gets excited.

Anyway, we are forever getting in a temper over the honking of auto horns, flat tires, stop signs, being late for meals, putting the cat out at night, radio ads, crooners, stalling, long speeches, funny things your children say, sand traps and Greta Garbo.

Then there are people who exasperate us for no reason whatsoever.

I do not love thee, Dr. Fell: The reason why I can not tell: But this I know, and know full well: I do not love thee, Dr. Fell.

You would suppose, though if we must get all hot and bothered it would be over something worth while, not over trivialities, non-essentials.

You can not imagine Abraham Lincoln getting stirred up over a bridge game. He did become very outspoken over the question of slavery and the preservation of the Union.

It is impossible to think of Christ becoming incensed over a neighbor's dog, a line fence or social procedure. He did become mightily incensed when great moral issues were involved. So much so, that he characterized the religious leaders of the day as hypocrites.... whited sepulchres. And waxing warmer he fashioned a scourge and drove the money changers from the temple of worship. Yes, there are times when we are disturbed. But is not this the measure of a man's bigness or littleness, his character or the lack of it—the things that irritate him.

Verse

THOUGHTS WHILE ON GUARD

Would I were with thee, dear tonight, As I'm lonely vigil keep; The stars are out, with luster bright, And half the world is lost in sleep.

I'd hold you fast within my arms, And see that look within your eyes, And each whispered word would sound, Sweet as softest lullabies.

But fate decreed them not to be, These reminiscent thoughts of mine; But even thinking, dear, of thee, Makes each lonely hour sublime.

Perhaps at last, a peace will come, Upon this war-torn earth of ours; And I'll be with you once again, And gone will be these lonely hours.

By Candidate HENRY T. WYMA

17th Co. 3rd STR

Key Says—

CARELESS PEOPLE CONVERT SPOT OF BEAUTY INTO DEBRIS-LITTERED MENACE

The Officer's Club swimming pool is a popular place these hot days, the one cool spot is a sweltering world for many an officer and his family. Late afternoons finds every pool full of bobbing wet heads, with as many persons cooling themselves under the beach umbrellas.

It's a pleasant place, indeed, until one starts considering what a mass of humanity can do when it's out to enjoy itself. Take a look at the crumpled paper cups and sandwich wrappers littering the place. Count the number of empty "coke" bottles left left carelessly about. Watch the flies making their journey from bits of discarded food to the lips of some infant slumbering under the shade of a tree.

Notice the number of persons who carefully avoid the showers and foot baths before going into one of the pools. Avoid that gum left lying on the sidewalk, the lighted cigarette butt carelessly tossed aside for unwary feet to tread on, the bits of broken glass half hidden in the grass.

Persons frequenting the Officer's Club pools should be above the average in intelligence. Surely most of them have at least the rudimentary ideas of sanitation. Surely most of them must realize that a silver of glass or a lighted cigarette butt is a major hazard where persons, many of them children, walk about in their bare feet.

Even a crew of men working would be hard put to clean up the debris left by a bevy of happy bathers, unless persons using the pools don't learn to tidy things up as they go. It requires little exertion to put out paper cups and sandwich wrappings in receptacles provided for that purpose, or to take "coke" bottles back to the sand where they'll be no danger of breakage.

For many of us, as has been said, these pools are the only spot where we can find a moment for relaxation and surcease from summer heat. It is a shame that place of enjoyment should be changed into a hazardous unsanitary spot because of the thoughtlessness of a few.

Sgt. McDonald's Basket

WAACS TELLS COLONEL T. P. HOW WOMEN WON TUNISIAN CAMPAIGN

By SGT. TOM McDONALD
Having worked with Colonel T. P. Swampwater for a good many months, I was not unduly surprised when he rushed into the office to-day with a strange, half hidden gleam in his eyes and shouted in my ear:

"Quick, sergeant! Clean up the office. Take your time and do a thorough job but be finished in two minutes!"

"Yes, Sir," I grumbled, "What's up?"

"A genuine Waac, sergeant!" beamed the ol' boy. "She's coming all the way from Harmony Church for a personal interview."

Trembling with anticipation, I swept up the three weeks collection of cigarette butts and chewing gum wrappers and hurriedly dumped them into the colonel's OOT basket. Meanwhile the ol' boy was combing his two strands of hair and using some G. I. foot powder on his nose. All of which in a small way tended to enhance his beauty.

When we finished, there was a very nasty knock on the door and both of us made a wild dash to answer it. Since the colonel outranked me, he managed to get there first and opened it.

Perched upon the threshold was as neat a soldier as I've ever seen. Her hair was combed, her uniform trim and shapely and the glint in her grey eyes a mischievous twinkle hovering between anticipation and trepidation, that is, fear of the colonel's eyes. Finally assured herself that the ol' boy's eyes wouldn't peek at her, she saluted and speled off the usual G. I. report:

"Auxiliary Drake has the permission of the first sergeant to report to the company commander who sent for me to tell me that you, er, I mean the colonel sent for a cute Waac to come over here to be interviewed. So I'm reporting."

"At Ease, Auxiliary Drake," the ol' boy replied. "Make yourself perfectly at home."

"Amazing, simply amazing," the ol' boy replied. Come into my private office and tell me how you plan to invade Europe. And, Sergeant, get that box of imported chewing gum out of the safe.

G. I. Orchids—

ARE GIVEN ACTORS FOR THEIR MAGNIFICENT WAR CONTRIBUTION

That the members of the motion picture and radio industry and the Actors' Guild are making a tremendous contribution to the war effort in a morale-building way we have never doubted, especially after witnessing their work here at Fort Benning and reading of their sacrifices in the daily press.

But the full force of the scope of their contribution was brought to our attention in the concise, succinct, but comprehensive film released recently by the "March of Time" and shown last week in a down-town theater.

In this film we saw Martha Raye in a show line somewhere in North Africa, and big mouth notwithstanding, fellas he was actually beautiful. We saw Al Jolson singing his famous "mammy" song for a multitude of our boys. God knows where; we saw Joe E. Brown going through his famous pantomime of a big-league baseball pitcher somewhere in the South Pacific; we witnessed scenes at Hollywood's Stagedoor canteen showing men in uniform, a shoulder to shoulder with live stars at Marlene Dietrich and Olivia de Havilland; we saw other great stars of the screen cooking for the boys and doing KP duty; we saw Carole Landis, rendering a sign for

some boys in the South Pacific on the "Command Performance" radio show beamed only to Yankees on distant fighting fronts.

In addition we saw topnotch technicians of Hollywood at work passing on their knowledge to members of our Signal Corps to enable them to record perfectly on film a pictorial history of this war for posterity.

The Motion Picture industry and the Stage Guild are indeed compiling a brilliant record in these trying days, a record of which all can indeed be proud. Needless to say, we of the Armed Forces are proud of them.

There are also absentees who are only absent-minded.

If the church is not to become a museum where old Christians are stored, it must be a production line where new Christians are made.

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The great man is intent upon his work; the little man upon his reputation.



THE G.I. on the left knew that Custer's last stand was not made by the Imperial Table Co. Imagine what one of the electric fans at Bob's place would do to that lid on the right.

THERE'S SOMETHING about a soldier—" (What do you suppose it is, the ash or the epaulets?) —(Signal Lab Reproductions.)

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Distinctive U. S. Army Garb Evolved Since 1900

Until Turn of Century European Modes Dominated Uniform Styles

It is interesting to observe in the changes of modes in American military uniform throughout our history that we have been influenced by whatever European nation happened to be the dominant military power until the early part of this century when our present dress commenced to evolve. As we maintained but a very small standing army we depended largely in time of war upon the various state militias and these were severally bedecked upon the models of European states taken over with minor alterations.

While certain state units in the regular army uniforms were obviously inspired by the Napoleonic and red "monkey" jackets, the originals which to this day remain

copied the regalia of British in the dress uniforms of the West Point Cadets.

Just before the War Between the States the United States Army modified its uniform but once again chose a French prototype in the dress of Napoleon III's soldiery at that time the most conspicuous of the European armies. It was this period certain states adopted for their militia the French type of zouave outfit with baggy red trousers, a blue jacket and tasseled red fez.

TEUTONS COME IN

After the defeat of the Second French Empire France took a second place to the New German Empire among the European nations and accordingly the armies of the world, including that of the United States, cut their coats to a new Teutonic fashion. Because no major wars took place during this period Americans are not familiar with the spiked helmets and blue jackets of our military during this epoch. As a matter of fact it seems in retrospect the least prepossessing of any outfit in our military history.

It was only after the Spanish War of 1898 that the Federal Government began to standardize the uniforms of the various state militias, part of a coordinating movement which culminated in their being merged into the National Guard in 1916.

From that time until the present there has been a perceptible evolution or continuity in our uniforms, changes being relatively minor and calculated to make the clothing less stiff and more comfortable. Probably the two major changes are the abolition of breeches save in specialized branches and the substitution of the open V neck and lapels for the old upright collar.

Our present uniforms, however, are already obsolescent and within another few years will have become "period pieces" in keeping with the tendencies of a utilitarian age which cannot afford to concern itself with tradition and sentiment.

3rd Reg't S-2 Named Major

Advancement of Capt. Jerome Gregg Taylor, intelligence officer of the Third Student Training Regiment, to the rank of major has been announced by Col. Robert H. Lord, regimental commander. Major Taylor has served as the regiment's intelligence officer since April, 1942.

A graduate of Davidson College, Davidson, N. C., and the University of Tennessee Law School, Major Taylor was admitted to the bar in 1939 and practiced law as an associate of Judge Sam J. McAllister in Chattanooga. He is a member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity.

On Dec. 22, 1940, Major Taylor, as a reserve officer, entered upon active army duty and came to Fort Benning with the 24th Infantry. While stationed here he was graduated from the Infantry School's rifle and heavy weapons course.

TIS Mess Sergeant Fought Villa and Japs

3rd Regiment's Lee Wounded in Battle Of The Coral Sea

From Pancho Villa and the Mexican border to the Battle of the Coral Sea is a long route which few Army men have traveled. But one member of this exclusive fraternity is Staff Sergeant Gust J. Lee, mess sergeant of the 22nd Company, Third Student Training Regiment.

And if he had his way, he'd do it all over again, taking a crack at a couple of battles that he missed. The sergeant is one of the fighting men that ever lived, and for the moment he likes to think he merely is disguised as a mess sergeant.

Sergeant Lee's story goes back to 1914 and Jefferson Barracks, Mo., where he took his basic training. He was sent to the 24th Infantry, known pretty well over most of the world as the old "Two-Four." From that day on Sergeant Lee has sat down in one spot hardly long enough to blow his nose.

The 24th pulled out for the Philippines, where Sergeant Lee engaged in a little sidearm skirmishing with refractory Igorots and Moros; the 24th shot back to the states to have a word with Pancho Villa, who was raising "Old Ned" on the Mexican border.

"Now, there was a traveler," the sergeant will say. "We chased that no good up and down and around for months and never laid an eye on him."

Right at this time the first World War blew the lid off the world and, naturally, Sergeant Lee wanted some more action. He was sent to France with the 24th Division, the 92nd Division.

He soon found himself in a good scrap at Verdun, was wounded and got three decorations. Then, when it was all over, he did what every American soldier promised his mother he would do—he saw Ben.

"Seemed to me it was the only sensible thing to do," the sergeant observed. "Here we spend all that time trying to get to Berlin the hard way and after it was all over, half the Army never even had the curiosity to see what we were fighting for."

After the war, Sergeant Lee left Army life for a year, having, he explained, plenty of money. That disappeared, and Sergeant Lee re-enlisted in the "old Two-Four." The regiment thereupon started a long tour of the country, even making a one-night stand at Fort Benning. "Then just a mud hole with one paved road," the sergeant recalled.

December 7, 1941, found him in Miami, Fla., for maneuvers. "They whipped me up to New York, shot me over to Frisco and had me on a boat for the Southwest Pacific before I knew what had happened," he said.

In the New Hebrides Islands at the time of the sergeant's arrival, conditions were in a rather sad state. The Army had hardly enough men on hand to fill up a shelter half and the Navy was not

much better off. Sergeant Lee said there were dozens of valuable merchant ships all fitted with fine guns which nobody knew how to fire. And there were tons and tons of priceless cargoes requiring delivery.

"Doggoned if they didn't make me a sailor," the sergeant said. "As soon as I landed they put me on one of those new Liberty ships as a gunner. They were hard up for artillerymen, and I just happened along at the right time."

So the sergeant was off again, this time for the Solomons and all the other bitterly contested islands and Asiatic points of the Pacific war, jealously nursing his deck gun like a baby, he banked away at anything that looked like a periscope.

"The best shot we had," he recalls, "was at a Jap sub down near the Antarctic Circle. We jumped it before it knew we were there and, man, we let everything on board fly at it. It was pretty bad for a while after that—we didn't know if he had hit it or not and we didn't know if they were going to hit us."

Guns were scarce in the

South Pacific, and Sergeant Lee was not allowed to wait while his ship was unloaded and reloaded. The Army flew him to his next ship, which was loaded and ready to sail. That is how he got mixed up in the Coral Sea battle.

At Auckland, New Zealand, the sergeant was put aboard a destroyer sailing for the New Hebrides, where he was to board a cargo ship to man the gunner's position. The destroyer was cruising quietly through the Coral Sea when suddenly it seemed everything broke loose. The destroyer had sailed into the midst of an American task force which at the moment was rather preoccupied with a battle with a Japanese fleet.

The battle came out the sergeant didn't learn until several weeks later. A Jap bomb scored a direct hit on a ship only 300 yards away from the sergeant's destroyer and splinters caught the sailing soldier in the head and hip.

After hospitalization, the sergeant was sent to the states.

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Pvt. Elmer W. Roth, formerly of a troop carrier squadron in the proud builder and owner of this ship. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roth of 5612 Cedonia Ave., Baltimore, Md., Pvt. Roth was educated in the public schools of Baltimore, taking a special course in the automotive trades to complete his education.

In 1940, Pvt. Roth went with the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Company, Baltimore, Md., as an electrician doing installations in planes. In October, 1942, he enlisted in the army and at the

time of his illness was a mechanic specialist at Fort Benning. Feeling the necessity of keeping his hands in good working order for the delicate precision work of plane maintenance, Pvt. Roth started work on model airplanes for his pastime. Planes seemed to make him homesick, so he switched to ships, and since being in the hospital has completed eight models which he has distributed to patients in the hospital.

Since these models require infinite patience and special skill in handling—the last one Pvt. Roth built having 250 separate pieces of balsa wood which has to be shaped, and carefully sanded—they serve two distinct purposes. Pvt. Roth can travel the seven seas right on his bed and also give measurable pleasure to his companions-in-illness.

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Sportscasting

BY SGT. CARL NEU

POTENTIAL KING of the fort's home run hitters this summer is Sam DiBlasi, flashy third baseman for the red hot 300th Infantry. Although he hasn't stepped way out in front of the pack as yet, the former Washington and Lee athlete did demonstrate his possibilities quite convincingly one night last week when he set a modern Gowdy Field record by slugging a pair of homers over the left field fence in consecutive innings.

The second round-tripper came with the case clogged while the first was with the bags empty, was a terrific clout that appeared to clear Wood Avenue before it hit the ground. Battin in the clean-up spot for the Triplets, DiBlasi has been hitting consistently all season, but critics think he has yet to hit his real stride—and when he does they think the Gowdy Field fences are going to take a real shelling.

DiBlasi probably would have been holding down the hot corner for the Louisville Colonels in the American Association this season if Uncle Sam hadn't claimed him first. Louisville bought up his contract during the winter and he had already been ordered to report for spring training when the Army got priorities.

Last summer, the Triplets star had plenty of seasoning in the Piedmont League with Greensboro and the Middle Atlantic League with Carolina. Early in the spring, DiBlasi was up for a try-out with the Boston Red Sox and gained a lot of experience playing third base next to the sensational Johnny Pesky at shortstop.

DiBlasi's biggest thrill during his stay with the gill-edged Boston was hitting a home run next to the inimitable Ted Williams. "The great hitter," DiBlasi says, "has about five pairs of shoes and two racks full of bats." Even though the Triplets third baseman doesn't have two racks full of bats, he's still doing a bang-up job in for the 300th which is riding high in the crest of a neat 7-game win streak at the time of this writing.

A NEAT BIRDIE on the final hole by Col. Edward Noyes, probably the post's best golfer at present, enabled him to lead Frank Gross, pro at the Officers' Club course, to gain a 2-up win over Col. James Noyes and the famous Joe Kirkwood in an exhibition match over the week-end on the local course. Colonel Noyes, who is commanding officer of the station hospital, shot the birdie 4 on the difficult par-5 eighth hole. The Kirkwoods made a special return trip to the post Saturday after his Thursday exhibition just to play the course and was delighted with it. Said he'd be back at the earliest opportunity for a return match.

STRANGEST STORY of the week concerns a \$1,000 race that was staged (?) in Doughboy Stadium last Friday shrouded in much secrecy. Seems that a young paratrooper officer, in a boastful mood, claimed he could spot any man one-fourth of the distance and beat him in a foot race. Furthermore, he was willing to wager \$500 bucks on his prowess. Needless to say, the BOQ buddies covered the bet in no time at all, and the race was arranged—at 100 yards.

The lad chosen to run against the superman was a former Oregon runner who once ran the century in 9.8 seconds. Since this man had only to run 25 yards while the superman raced 100, experts anticipated a new world record by the superman. The course was measured off, officials secured and everything all set.

Finally came the time for the race, and both men lined up with the Oregon sprinter 25 yards out in front. The gun cracked and the men were off. The Oregonian tore off his yardage to burst the tape miles in front of the superman who simply jogged down the track. Then, the latter calmly walked over to the stake-holder and proceeded to claim the thousand bucks. His contention? That he had only said he would RUN the race, not WIN it! In other words, just another version of the old gag. Needless to say the hue and cry was terrific and he never did get the money. Bet he's a popular lad right now, too!

BET THERE wasn't any more exciting baseball anywhere in the country this past week-end than at Gowdy Field in those four games that were played practically within 24 hours. The Paratrooper rally salute was truly unbelievable and just added fuel to the belief that the Germans and Japs are in for a helluva lacing when they get tangled up with some of Benning's neversay-die skyjumpers. And the triple bill Sunday was just as terrific, with the 176's last-ditch rally providing a perfect climax when they came from behind to beat the Brigade, 6-5. In the four games almost every kind of hit was produced, some of the most startling fielding gems ever seen in the park were perpetrated, players and managers were banned the ump's, and there was never a dull moment. Yep, it was real big league stuff, and all for free, too.

SHORT SHOTS—Two of last year's title-winning coaches, Major Red Milton and Capt. Frank Shannon, are now taking the advanced course at the Infantry School. Milton guided the 124th Gators to the post grid crown, while Shannon was at the helm when the Prof's won their 7th straight diamond crown last summer. . . . The three K's in the 300th batting order always give the press box announcers a workout. The 6th and 7th batsmen for the Triplets are Kunkel, Wolvost, and Kotowski. . . . Corp. Eddie Fogg in the 124th special service office runs golf tournaments for the Gators but naturally can't enter himself. However, he plays along just for a workout and in a recent trip, scored 72 which would have won the prize. . . . Tom Gallivan, Student Training Brigade pitcher-outfielder, is a brother of Phil Gallivan who used to hurl for the Chicago White Sox. Tom himself was a great grid quarterback at Minnesota in the days of Pug Lund, Ed Widseth and Stan Koska. . . . Michael Patrick Hogan, former Baltimore Oriole leader now toiling for the Parachute School, is a robust Irishman who hails from New York City's Yorkville section, believe it or not. . . . Biggest attraction on the post right now is Russ Fox where they actually have to close the gates frequently to keep the crowds in the water from getting beyond control.

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Panthers Take Early Lead In Service League

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The baseball Panthers of the 3rd Regiment's Service Battalion stepped out to an early lead in the first week of play in the brand new Service League with a pair of triumphs over the Reception Center and the Academic Regiment Pacesetters.

Winning over the R.C. Orphans by a 6-5 count in a thriller at Gowdy Field last Thursday, the Panthers definitely established themselves as the team to beat in the first-half pennant chase. Tuesday night's results are not included at this writing.

MEET TIGERS—Tonight, the 3rd STR tossers will go after their third straight when they oppose the Post Detachment Tigers in a feature tilt, slated for 7 o'clock at Gowdy Field. Tonight, also, the Pacesetters will invade the Reception Center for a tilt with the Orphans.

The other two training regiment nines from the 1st and 2nd STR also got off to a good start in the opening games by gaining triumphs. The 1st Regiment Red Sox scored a 5-2 win over the Provisional Truck Blues, while the Commandos struck down the Provisional Reds by a 12-1 count. Other openers saw the Post Detachment trounce the Pacesetters 18-2, and then lose its second outing to the Reception Center on Monday night by a 6-5 score in a thriller at the R.C. field.

HALL TO PITCH

Fans concede the Tigers a good chance to stop the Panthers when they meet tonight at Gowdy with Big Tom Hall, 6 foot, 6 inch giant, expected to toe the slab against the 3rd STR. Brummitt is the probable hurler for the invaders from Harmony Church.

A banner crowd, including the Reception Center's crack band, watched the official loop opener last Thursday at Gowdy Field, and the game lived up to all the advanced ballhoop. The Panthers scored twice in the second to overcome an early Orphan lead and then stepped out in front, never to be headed.

3-RUN RALLY

Highlight of the game, however, was the three-run rally which the Panthers scored up with in the ninth inning. For awhile, it looked like the Orphans might pull the game out of the fire, but they fell just one run short and went down to defeat.

Both teams accounted for eight hits apiece, with Bob Brummitt as the winning pitcher over Lefty Roy Welmsker, former member of the Homestead Grays and Philadelphia Stars. Against the Pacesetters on Monday night, the Brigade Field, Brummitt turned in a one-hitter, the lone blow being an Academic Regiment homer in the ninth.

THE STANDINGS

(As of Monday.)

	Won	Lost	Pct.
3rd STR Panthers	2	1	1.000
1st STR Red Sox	1	0	1.000
2nd STR Commandos	1	0	1.000
Reception Center	1	1	.500
Post Detachment	1	1	.500
P.T.R. Reds	1	1	.500
P.T.R. Blues	0	1	.000
Academic Regiment	0	2	.000

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Army Chaplains Prove Miracle Age Not Gone

Spiritual Leader's Duties Have Multiplied Since The First World War

Whoever said that the age of miracles is past reckoned without per army chaplains to whom the performing of one is as routine a matter as the extraction of a tooth by a dentist. If your wife is in confinement, your sister is in jail or you are in the dog house, you yourself to the chaplain. He is the army's trouble shooter.

Chaplain Frederick Helfer of the 1st Student Training Regiment is no stranger to G. I. woes. Immediately after his ordination in 1917 at the age of 23 he joined the United States Army and was assigned to the 32nd Infantry, which was part of the 82nd Division, and went overseas with that outfit.

Contrasting conditions which obtained in the army during the last war and the present conflict Chaplain Helfer observes that in the forces of 1917-18 much less consideration was accorded the personal and spiritual problems of soldiers than at present. The authorities attitude was that the chaplains' function began and ended with the administering of religious rites and consolation. No such powers for cutting through red tape as they now possess belonged to them.

At the present time, on the other hand, Lieut. Helfer points out that the officers recognize the value of the chaplain's office as a liaison agency in handling innumerable cases which would be very difficult of solution otherwise and, says he, the cooperation of all authorities willingly given is a happy phenomenon peculiar to our present day army.

Since his return to service in July 1942 Lieutenant Helfer has been with the First Student Training Regiment. For about two months he was chaplain for the Fourth Battalion until in mid-October he became regimental chaplain and has been such ever since. The interim between these terms of military service were spent as pastor of the Hiram College Christian church situated about 35 miles from Cleveland, Ohio.

Taking issue with those pessimists who condemn the "moral bankruptcy" of our age Chaplain Helfer believes that such doubt prophetic are unable to distinguish between issues of morals and manners. The young men of today, he has found, are much more honest with themselves and others than their prototypes of other generations. They are less inclined to "kid themselves along," but see their own faults and try to correct them.

One rather surprising circumstance the lieutenant has noticed is that in his experience marriages by soldiers appear to be more numerous in this war than the last. "This despite the preaching in the press against 'war marriages.'" However, says Chaplain Helfer, these marriages are not predominantly hasty or frivolous and seemed destined to be permanent and happy unions.

These marriages, he believes, are all of a piece with the difference in the attitude we have toward this war in contrast with that of our predecessors in 1917. That struggle was commonly regarded as a tiresome nuisance which must and could be endured with neatness and dispatch so it might resume as soon as possible the normal tempo of our lives. Today there is a keener appreciation of the fundamental issues involved and the seriousness of the undertaking. Men do not think that they are soon going to be back in civilian clothes living normal lives and they feel that such happiness as marriage stands for cannot be postponed but must be taken while it may in adverse circumstances.

Besides administering to his regiment, Chaplain Helfer communicates regularly with the men from his parish at home who have joined the armed forces. He acts as a clearance agency for news of their activities, receiving from and writing letters to all continents on earth. He has always liked dealing with men, preferring in civilian life to reach them directly and not through the medium of their womenfolk and it is gratifying to see how, of their own volition and with a minimum of urging, men in the service tend to their religious duties. The lieutenant is certain that the status given the clergy by the United States Army will work a salutary effect on social conditions in the post-war world as it has brought home to the average man how valuable a service the clergyman can render to the individual in the problems life presents.

Aiding Lieutenant Helfer in his many functions are Corporal Wade Letts of the First Student Training Regiment, Corporal Bertha M. Godby of the 43rd WAAC and Pfc. Omie Ross of the Service Battalion attached to the First Student Training Regiment. These aides assist the chaplain by visiting the patients in hospitals, aiding in chapel services, etc. Private Ross, who was formerly a Baptist minister, conducts a Bible class for the colored members of the Service Battalion and is organizing a singing group among the men.

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Civilian Activities

By MYRTLE M. JOINES

From Athens, Greece via air, to an Italian city, then via train to Lisbon, Portugal, then on board a Swedish liner for America is some of the travelling Diane Paski did to get back to her native country. Her mother is still in Greece, but Diane being an American citizen was forced to leave her ill mother after the Nazis invaded Greece.

Diane can tell you about nursing. German wounded, buying food on a "black market" and seeing people starve in the streets of the city of Athens. This was part of her life in Nazi-occupied Greece before she was forced to leave. There are many miles between the transportation division at Fort Benning where Diane is now employed and Athens, Greece, but with the help of friends, Diane has covered those miles.

With 17 other native Americans, Diane landed in New York and later came to Valdosta to school. Friends have played an important part in Diane's present security and opportunity and in her plans for the completion of her education. "I love the South," Diane said, "it is so like my Greece. Everyone seems to take life so easy and be so friendly."

Winifred Baker at Service Club No. 2, 10th Armored Division, has "done it again" with a beautiful June prom for her boys. The service club represented a rose garden in full bloom with white trellises covered with trailing red roses. A feature of the dance was the June Walk. Each of the Military Maids was presented a special gift from her escort of the evening. The music by the Third Armored Regiment band was an added attraction.

Margaret Cole, in the QMC, went to Knoxville last week to visit her brother, Carleton. We still miss Patie V. Light from the QMC. Do hope she is improving and will be back with us soon. Coming and going at the Sub-Depot: Mildred P. Bellman to Nashville for a week-end; Charles C. Coleman to Mobile for a few days; Joseph McWhorter, for induction in the Army June 10; L. T. Sheppard to Missouri; Samuel M. Thomas for a 30-days course in Paris Inspection at Warner Robins Air Service Command; George A. Flynn for 10 days course in personnel training at Warner Robins Air Service Command (wherever that is); C. A. Owens to "Ole Virginia"; H. H. Ellis and B. T. Powers from Warner Robins Air Service Command to Ft. Benning, 53rd Sub-Depot Signal Section as radio mechanics; also John B. Jackson from Warner Robins Air Service Command to 53rd Sub-Depot and Wallace Lemlin from New Orleans, vacation, I believe, and Bobby Williams as engineering to join her husband, Flight Officer Williams, at Granada, Miss.

Inez Evans in the Chaplain's office is too happy over the colors her son Will Floyd Evans won at Georgia Military Academy at the time of his graduation. His platoon was picked for highest honors and Bill really brought them home to his mother.

Do soldiers in offices on the Fort Benning reservation offer a challenge to civilians—both male and female—in their personal appearance these long, hot summer days?

Definitely yes, they do. The soldier in his "little-boy-scrubbed-shiny face—his sparkle, his white teeth, his clean hands and nails, those highly polished shoes, clean clothes—though they may be wrinkled and damp from the heat—and his hair—what there is of it—well combed for—least as well cared for as one inch hair can be—is just that—a challenge!

Donnie Grimes, son of Cecil Grimes, who worked for the PX grocery, came out the loser Saturday when he tried to conserve his shoes from getting soaked in the rain. Delivering groceries in the downpour he decided to get barefooted and save his shoes from the weather. Struggling with a large basket of groceries in one hand, and a carton of drinks in the other, he slipped and fell, causing them to drop to the ground. One bottle exploded and sent a piece of flying glass into the side of his foot.

At the hospital it was necessary to take 11 stitches in the foot but thanks Donnie. He's back at work today.

Capt. Lieben Wins Golfing Honors

Captain Theodore J. Lieben is the new champion of the Second Company, First Student Training Regiment golfers. In a hard fought match recently he defeated Col. Raymond C. Barlow in the finals of the tournament sponsored by the Recreation and Exercise Committee of the Second Company, 2 and 1.

Although the finals were interrupted by rain and several night problems that were scheduled for last week, the match was hard fought and resulted in a real victory for Capt. Lieben. Captain Kirk and Major Rydahl are fighting it out for the consolation prize, and were stopped by rain several times as was the tennis tournament which managed to get into the second round.

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Men Come From Four Corners Of Globe; All Are In 9th Co., 2nd STR

Meet the four Jones boys from four corners of the United States, who recently arrived as officer candidates in the 9th Company of the Second Student Training Regiment.

Reading from here to there, they are: Charles E. Jones, of New Bedford, Mass.; Haven E. Jones, nicknamed "High Explosive," who hails from Blissfield, Mich.; Jack L. Jones, of Los Angeles, Calif.; and Robert V. Jones, of Shreveport, La.

The quartet also came from four different branches of the Army: the Field Artillery, the Medical Corps, the Air Corps, and the Infantry.

C. E. OF THE ARTILLERY
As for C. E. Jones, he started working for Uncle Sam in January, 1941. Inducted at Camp Edwards, Mass., he went on the 1941 North Carolina maneuvers with the 101st F. A. upon completion of his basic training. C. E.'s only comment was that it was very rough.

He then went to the Mojave desert in California with the 212th Armored Field Artillery for five months. Tired of sand and heat, he decided to come east and live the easy life of an OC at Fort Benning.

H. E. OF THE MEDICS
H. E. Jones was inducted into the Army August 8, 1941, and completed his basic training at Camp Grant, Ill. From there, High Explosive went to Fort Lewis, Wash., then to San Francisco with the Medical Corps. From there he went to Canada and helped establish the 45th Station Hospital.

He E. was assigned to the Engineer's Medical Detachment. The nearest town was five miles from camp but the twenty people of that secret thriving community didn't provide much entertainment. And a walk to the corner drug store would have taken a month.

J. L. OF THE AIR CORPS
Third in line Jack Jones of the Air Corps. Jack came into the fold August, 1942, at Fort MacArthur, Los Angeles. Roswell Army Training School was the scene of J. L.'s basic training in New Mexico. He was then transferred to the 42nd Aviation Squadron at Roswell and began his Army career in earnest.

After a short time in the personnel office, our number three man was made mess sergeant. And a very short time Jack had the best mess hat on the field.

R. V. OF THE INFANTRY
Last, but not least is Robert V. Jones of the Infantry. R. V. signed up August 4, 1942. After his induction at Camp Beauregard, La., R. V. went to Camp Walters, Texas, for basic training. When his 13 weeks ended, R. V. was assigned to the cadre at Fort Benning to spread his knowledge among the newer recruits. R. V. was in a heavy weapons company, which accounts for his possible in the mortar G. T.

He applied for OCS and arrived at Fort Benning April 1.

Gators To Review Benning Sojourn In Special Booklet

A pictorial revue in the form of a booklet entitled "The One-Twenty-Fourth Infantry Gators at Fort Benning" will be published on or around July 1 by the staff of the "Alligator," regimental newspaper, under the supervision of the special service officer of the unit, and will review the stay of the regiment at Fort Benning, it has been revealed.

The magazine will contain 96 pages, including pictures taken on school problems, group shots of every individual platoon in the regiment, candid shots, and various human interest stories about the many units and the men in them.

Selling for 75 cents, the booklet is being made up, written and photographed by the Alligator staff.

300th Infantry Gives Promotions To 6 Officers

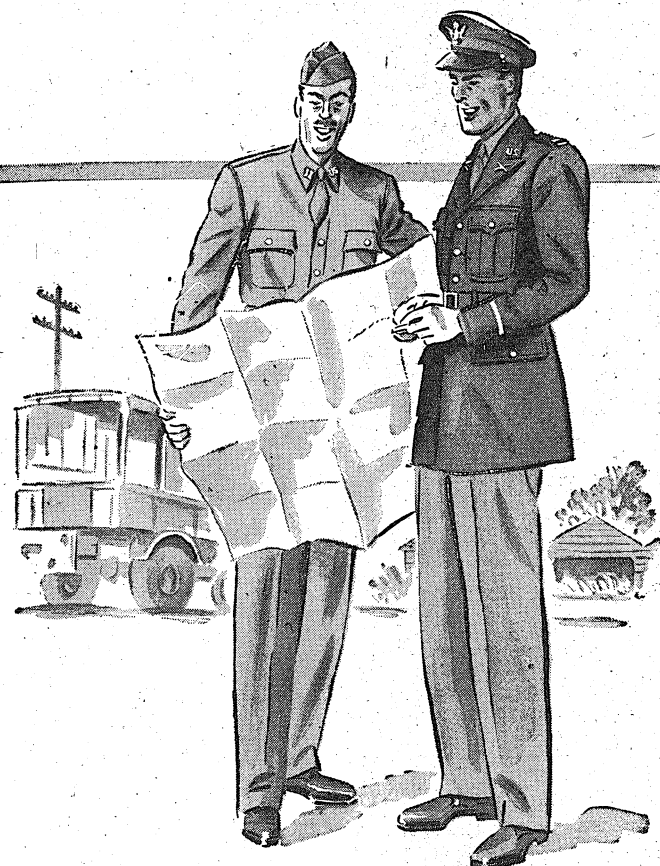
Six officers of the 300th Infantry have received promotions according to an announcement by Col. Richard G. McKee, commanding officer.

1st Lt. Rolf Wagschal of the Medical Detachment added another silver bar and is now a captain. Lts. Robert B. Russell, Anti-Tank; George D. Bedell, Regimental Hqs.; Israel E. Krawetz, Company D.; Lester S. Leighty, Hq. Co. 2nd Bn.; Robert P. Post, also of Hq. 2nd Bn., exchanged their gold bars for the silver of 1st lieutenants.

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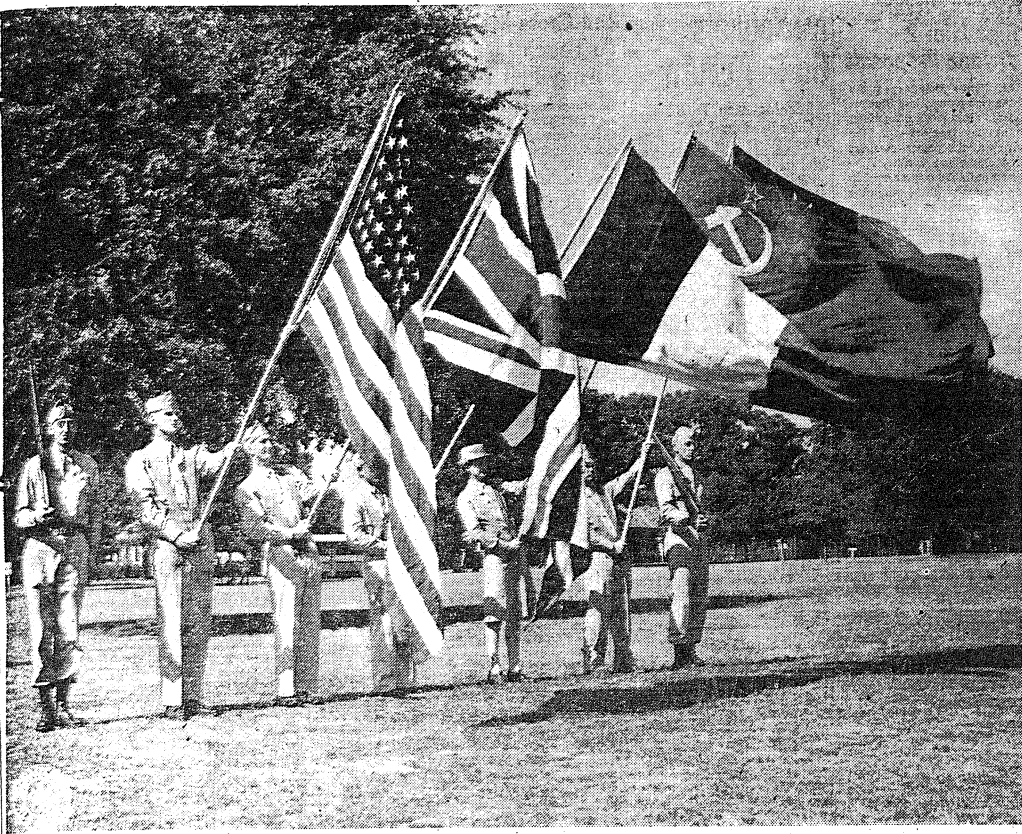
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TO SYMBOLIZE THE SPIRIT OF FLAG DAY, the flags of the larger Allied Nations are carried by members of the U. S. Army whose forebears were natives of several countries now in the battle against the Axis. The picture heralds democracy at its best as the soldiers and WAAC all now fight under the stars and stripes, the flag of their country. Left to right are Master Sergeant Albert Noky, of Ambridge, Pa., of the Parachute School, whose parents were born in Czechoslovakia; Pfc. Robert A. Stierer, 219 Taney St., Gary, Ind., of the 176th Infantry Regiment, with the Stars and Stripes; Cpl. Norman W. Allee, of 1819 1-2 Dunham Road, Toledo, Ohio, who was born in London, England, with the British Union Jack; Pfc. Clarence Boudreaux, of Napoleonville, La., member of the 24th Company, First Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School, of French descent, who holds the French Tricolor; Cpl. Elizabeth Petko, of Lakewood, Ohio, of Russian descent, a member of the 43rd Post Headquarters Company of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, who holds the Russian flag, and Cpl. Gow Go of 16 A Doyce Street, New York, N. Y., a member of the 23rd Company, First Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School, whose parents were born in China, holding the Chinese flag, and Sgt. Stanley Grodzicki, Nanticoke, Pa., of the Parachute School, whose parents were born in Poland.

(U. S. Army Signal Corps photo.)

When Blowers Blows In Old C. O. Checks Out-t-t

Company commanders in the First Student Training Regiment begin to worry when they see the name of Captain Tom H. Blowers on the roster of their classes, because it's even money that

when the class graduates Captain Blowers will be the new C. O., while they themselves depart for other climes. This assumption of command began last September when Captain Blowers graduated from the Fifth Company as a member of the communications course and, on the following day, took over command of the company. After holding the command until last January,

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Captain Freeman Appointed Major

James E. Freeman, assistant to the post executive officer and organizer of the present post headquarters set-up, has been promoted to the rank of major.

A veteran of 22 years of service, Major Freeman first enlisted in 1920 at Fort Ogleshorpe, Ga., and saw duty overseas with the Army of Occupation in Germany. He came to Benning in 1922, joining the 29th Infantry and during the next 20 years rose to the rank of master sergeant.

He entered the 13th Company as a student in Rifle and Heavy Weapons. Graduating in April, he is now the company commander of the unit.

It is now rumored that when Captain Blowers, a native of Jacksonville, Fla., is assigned to a new class, the first thing he does is to try the company commander's easy chair.

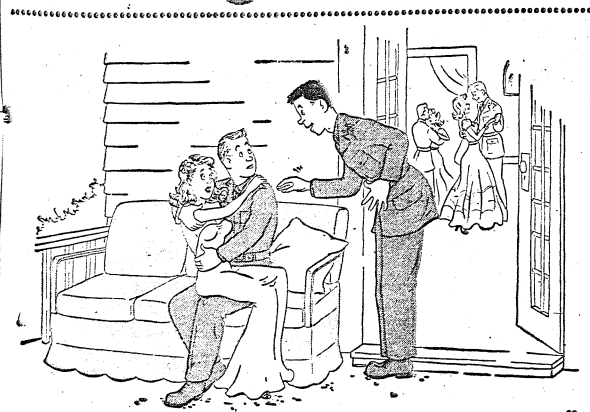
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The adventures of Pvt. Jonathan Joss appear regularly in this space. Watch for his features!

For his outstanding work in handling the regiment's personnel and administrative section, he was the non-commissioned officer selected to organize a headquarters staff, when the decision was reached in January 1941 to separate the post, and school commands.

After organizing headquarters, Major Freeman served as chief clerk until February 1942 when he was commissioned a second lieutenant and named assistant adjutant. In later months, he served as acting adjutant, assistant S-3, acting executive officer, and is now in the capacity of assistant to the executive officer.

He is married and lives at 301-B 1st Division Rd., on the post proper.

Short In Stature Long In Discipline

Candidate Rufino Cabebe, Second Company, Third Student Training Regiment, is a good soldier who subscribes to prompt and willing obedience to the orders of his superior officers.

But now his morale is low. Cabebe, who came here from the First Filipino Regiment at Camp Beal, Calif., is upset and disturbed because he could not carry out an order to the satisfaction of the officer who gave it, an able and distinguished instructor from The Infantry School.

"Please rise to your feet, Candidate Cabebe, and, hereafter, always stand when a question is addressed to you," said the captain-instructor at a recent class, fixing an icy stare upon the distressed OC.

Cabebe vows he will climb upon his chair from now on. Because being the soldier he is, he did immediately stand when called upon. The trouble was, standing straight up brought his head only about level with those of the rest of the class sitting.

He is five feet, one inch in height.

LT. LABELLE ADVANCES
The promotion of Second Lieutenant Henry A. Labelle to first lieutenant has been announced at the office of Col. Robert Sharp, commander of the First Student Training Regiment. Lt. Labelle, a former resident of Manchester, N. Y., has been officer in charge of classification for The Infantry School's oldest regiment since his assignment to the unit in Nov., 1942. A sergeant of classification work while an enlisted man, Lt. Labelle was assigned to his post at Fort Benning after graduating from The Infantry School and attending the Adjutant General's School at Fort Washington, Md.

Motor Class Names Leaders

Permanent assignment of student officers for the senior motor mechanic class of the 19th Company, Fourth Battalion of the First Student Training Regiment were announced late last week.

Student company commander for the group, according to the assignment list, is Technician Fifth Grade Max Guerrero, of Manila, Philippine Islands. Student second platoon leader is Corporal Nelson Hunt, of Sandusky, O.

Technician Fourth Grade Thomas Bufford, a native of Sioux, Mo., was assigned as student second platoon leader, while Private First Class Thys de Young, of Big Rapids, Mich., was named student third platoon leader.

Student first sergeant is Sergeant Joe J. Saturno, a native Filipino from Sacramento, Calif.

16 Supply Men Get Promotions

The promotion of 16 enlisted men of the Supply Detachment, Supply Division, Section One, Fourth Service Command, Fort Benning, has been announced at post headquarters.

Technician Fourth Grade Basil A. Cox and Technician Fifth Grade Bernard Litman have been made staff sergeants. Technician Fourth Grade Joseph S. Kindur and Corporal Robert A. Mowery and Edward McDonnell have been raised to sergeant, and Corporal Harman F. Beavers has been promoted to technician fourth grade.

Private First Class Raymond P. Cienak and Private Robert B. Gunnells, Ernest Miller and Johnnie T. Pritchett have been elevated to corporal, and Private Irving V. Turnbull has been made technician fifth grade.

Privates Harold J. Triplett, George W. Vinsant, George E. Smith, James D. Morris and George W. Tennant have been raised to privates first class.

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African Coup Psychological And Military

Col. Massey Says QM Corps Played Role In Both Phases

The North African invasion was a psychological campaign as well as a military one, and the Quartermaster Corps provided the goods for the former as well as the latter, Colonel Stephen B. Massey, director of supply at Fort Benning, disclosed today.

Inasmuch as one important objective was to sell the native population on the idea that the Allies were a genuine Army of liberation, approximately every sixth soldier was given a "barter bag," the colonel revealed.

These barter bags contained tea, tobacco, sugar, perfume, candles, glassware and coins, and approximately 2000 tons of barter items was included in the cargo, Colonel Massey said.

Producing an unparalleled amount of good will when traded or given to the natives, the items in these barter bags told the North Africans at least two things, according to the director of supply. First was that while conquering armies traditionally ravage all before them, here was one that found it more blessed to give than to receive, and secondly that America was a nation so rich and powerful that it could still afford to be generous in the midst of its greatest war, he said.

In addition to the barter items, Colonel Massey stated, some consumer goods were carried to the local French populations. Including cigarettes, lipstick, tea, sugar and cosmetics—luxuries the people had not enjoyed for more than two years—the items proved to be invaluable, he declared.

8th Company, 1st STR Out-Shoot Their Instructors

Freshening up in the technique of direct and indirect machine gun firing held vastly more interest to member officers of the 8th company, 1st STR, after completion of their preliminary course of firing, disclosing new records in hitting the markers which count for high scores.

Records just compiled show the company made an average of 167.3 points with heavy machine gun and higher in comparison with the average of 165.1 set by instructors for recent classes. The light machine gun gained in popularity as 83 officers qualified as experts in firing with the gun. Another 41 qualified as first class gunners, and 58 qualified as second class gunners.

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Former Benning Truck Unit Is On Duty In India

Somewhere in northeast India is a quartermaster truck regiment formerly stationed at Fort Benning, whose commander says is the best educated negro regiment in the army.

The outfit commanded by Colonel Ellis F. Altman of Palm Beach, Fla., boasts that 483 of its 2,000 members have some degree of college training, ranging from one year's study to one or more degrees. The colonel believes that it is not only the best educated colored unit, but would give any outfit a stiff race.

Colonel Altman explains it this way: "At Fort Benning we were a crack truck outfit. When we were ordered overseas, I was given the right to choose the best men I could find in the colored units there, because we were going to have a lot of paper work. We went through the personnel records and took the cream of the crop."

All of the officers are white with the exception of First Lt. William O. Jones, the chaplain, formerly a preacher in Chicago and Birmingham, Ala.

Colonel Coursay's Son Graduates From West Point

Lt. Richard R. Coursay, Jr., son of Col. and Mrs. Richard R. Coursay, is visiting his parents at Fort Benning on a brief leave following his graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point. Col. Coursay is director of Officer Candidates.

Lt. Coursay, who received his wings at West Point, has been assigned to Williams Field, Arizona, for further study as a pilot.

'Gators Lauded For Film Work

Commendation for the part they took in the filming of the Pathé News short, "Lt. Smith, U. S. A.," was recently received by Lt. Ross H. Calvert, commanding officer of Company M in the 124th Infantry, and the other members of that regiment who participated, from Lt. Col. Silas K. Baker, intelligence officer of the Infantry School.

In a letter to Colonel John D. Hill, regimental commander, Colonel Baker said, "Lieutenant Calvert and the enlisted personnel of the 124th Infantry working under his supervision demonstrated efficiency, attention to duty and a high degree of patience and cooperation under difficult circumstances."

Included among the men from the regiment who performed before the camera were Sgt. Robert L. Sumner, Cpl. Julius H. Wilkinson, Pvt. Robert G. Botts, Albert W. Parrish, Joseph J. Hudock, Sgt. Seal C. Linnis, Cpl. O. B. Fowler, Pvt. Phillip Curcio, James Elias, Daniel Surrusio, ohn Walsky, Tilford Miller, George Farole, Clyde Hyde, Earnest Johnson, Staff Sgt. Joseph R. Turner, and Pvt. Howard F. Shaffer, Albert D. Blizard, Staff Sgt. Milburne C. Cassidy, Sgt. Louis A. Reeves, Pfc. John F. Dabell, James Fitzgerald, Clifford L. King, Julian E. Smith, George A. Turner, Walter B. Wells, Hiram M. Roberts, Hampton F. Sharon and Pvt. John P. Murray.

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